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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Weinberger
Department Heads

FROM: David E. White, AICP, Director of Planning & Zoning

DATE: Monday, 7 May 2012

RE: May Department Head Report

For your interest, following is a summary of current activities of the Dept. of Planning & Zoning. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or wish to follow-up on any of these items.

Development Review & Permitting:

- Dept. staff took in 236 zoning permit applications during the third quarter of FY12 – 61 more than for the same period last year. Year-to-date, we are nearly 160 applications ahead of last year. For the 4th quarter we can anticipate taking in at least 200 more applications than during the previous quarter.
- Among the larger projects currently under review by the DRB include:
 - Approx. 40,000sf addition to the Hauke Center at Champlain College
 - Improvements to existing playing field including: open air bleachers, lights, press box, bathrooms, locker rooms, concession stand, paving and landscaping on UVM's Athletic Campus
 - Construction of 140 room hotel and associated two story parking garage in the TD Bank block
- If you have projects that will require a zoning permit, please plan ahead and give yourself enough time to get through the permit process as we are extremely busy and DRB agendas are currently booked until June 5.

Comprehensive Planning:

- Along with Preservation Burlington, the Department is co-hosting Sally Zimmerman, Manager of Historic New England's Historic Homeowner Program, for a program titled "The Power of Paint" on Friday May 11 with a neighborhood walk Saturday, May 12. More information is online.
- planBTV:
 - Since going live on 29 March our Public Input Web Tool has collected 45,000 responses and 672 new comments. It was closed down to new comments on 30 April but all responses will remain available to read.
 - Dept. staff is currently meeting with various departments to discuss comments on an early draft plan to ensure that it represents ideas and proposals that are realistic. A "Public Review Draft" will be released by 1 June for a 2-month review and comment period.